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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Customer No. 2 1 8 3 9

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application

of 1) Thorsten STABEL, 2) Hans-Peter DÜRR for CUTTING INSERT HAVING A RAKE SURFACE AND A PLATEAU SURFACE SEPARATED BY A STEP.

- [/] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 13 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- [] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: WALTER AG, Tübingen, Germany.

Also enclosed are:

- [✓] <u>Eight</u> sheet(s) of drawings;
- [√] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [√] hereby made to Patent Application Serial No. 103 17 760.4 filed in Germany on April 17, 2003;

[√] in the declaration;

- [√] a certified copy of the priority document;
- [] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- [] an Assignment document;
- [] an Information Disclosure Statement;
- [] a patent application data sheet; and

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[\(\) An [\(\)] executed [] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

[] also is enclosed [] will follow.

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[/] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	22	MINUS 20 =	2	× \$18.00 (1202) =	36.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					806.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				846.00	

[]	This application is being filed without a filing fee.	Issuance of a Notice to File Missing
		Parts of Application is respectfully requested.	

- [\checkmark] A check in the amount of \$ 846.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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